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GRAND JURY REPORT.

(Continued from first page)

all inmates. The rooms are comfortable and heating good. The Court of County Commissioners are making additional improvements. A new composition roof will be put on the older building, and an up-to-date water works system installed. Electric lights are already provided. There will be sanitary closets as soon as water is had for the purpose. We wish to commend the efforts of the Court of County Commissioners in the care of our County paupers.

2. The County Jail is clean and sanitary. The building needs some small repairs; also some repair of the plumbing. We understand that these improvements are going forward. We wish to report the condition and the management by the jailer, Hon. J. H. Wise, satisfactory.

3. We wish to call attention to the crowded conditions prevailing at the Court House. We find that there is not adequate space and office rooms for the increased business of the County and for the convenient dispatch of the sessions of the Circuit Court. The offices are entirely too small. There is not room for the books and furniture and other office equipment. Jury rooms are not large enough. We find that the Grand jury must work under great embarrassment.

We earnestly recommend that the Court House be enlarged and made sufficient for the growing needs of the County. We suggest that the Court of County Commissioners proceed at the earliest possible time to build two wings, one on the North and one on the South side of the Court House, with apartments and rooms up and down stairs for office rooms, jury rooms, witness rooms, sanitary closets, and Court room or auditorium.

We find the bonds of the several county officers to be solvent and in proper form.

The County Treasurer submitted a statement showing the present financial condition of the County, which we attach hereto and make a part of this report.

Financial Statement of Coffee County, Alabama.

I have on hand general funds of County this November 30th, 1925, \$6,960.78.
I have on hand Road and Bridge fund \$5,049.41.
I have on hand Gasoline Excise tax Road fund \$3,596.95.
I have on hand Fine and Forfeiture fund \$1,706.13.
I have on hand Funding Account \$140.85.
Land Tax Redemption fund \$133.25.
Total cash on hand \$17,997.42.
Indebtedness Known To Treasurer.

Road and Bridge Bonded Indebtedness \$100,000.
Road and Bridge Interest \$26,000.
Bearing Warrants \$26,000.
Funding and other Bonds \$886,000.
Total \$212,126.
Respectfully submitted to the Honorable Grand Jury now in session.
(Signed) S. R. Morgan, County Treasurer.

We desire to express to your Honor our pleasure in having you with us at this time of Court, and thank you for the able and excellent charge delivered us.

We also thank the Solicitor the Sheriff and his deputies, and our bailiff for their help in our deliberations and now having completed our labor we ask to be recessed.

J. H. Brown, Foreman.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By authority of a decree of the Circuit Court in Equity, of Coffee County, Alabama, in the case of Inou Douglas Lynch Complainant vs. Mrs. Appia Lynch, Respondent, rendered December 2, 1925, the undersigned as Registrar of said Court, on the 17th day of December, 1925, within lawful hours of sale, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, the house and lot in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, known as the R. D. Lynch homestead at the time of his death, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Dr. C. Brawell's present homestead lot, and running Southeast from street, along concrete wall or fence 93 feet, thence west 8 feet to North-

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VOLUME XXIX.

Over Four Thousand School Children Attend Fair Here Friday; Fine Exhibits Displayed In Court House; Prize Winners Are Announced

Friday, December the 11th, was the biggest day Elba has ever seen in the way of a school fair. More than four thousand school children were present to do honor to their schools and their county.

The teachers and pupils, aided by the parents, assembled at the various school houses in the county and came into Elba in trucks. They registered at the Court House and formed in line by schools, where they showed their school spirit and pride by their songs and yells. Led by the Batten's Cross Roads Band, the schools fell in line of march which went by the Elba Public Schools. Here they were joined by these schools and continued the march back to the Court house where they were formed in mass.

The parade was efficiently directed by Miss Jean Langston Child Welfare Director, who led the children in yells and songs. Judge J. A. Carley gave an inspiring talk in appreciation of the occasion. The parade was reviewed by the Coffee County School Board, the various workers of the County, and an immense crowd of parents and friends of the schools.

After listening to splendid music by the band, the schools disbanded to see the exhibits in the Court House. For weeks the teachers and pupils had been at work getting up these exhibits and nearly every school in the county was represented. The Court room was crowded to the limit by these beautiful exhibits.

Mr. J. E. Hudson, County Superintendent of Education and Miss Eunora Farris, County Supervisor are deeply gratified by the way in which the teachers, pupils and parents represented in making this the greatest school fair in the history of the County. These workers have been untiring in their efforts in behalf of the Fair.

The judges announce the following prizes:

Large Schools.
First prize—Kinston.
Second prize—Goodman.
Two Teacher Schools.
First prize—Pine Grove.
Second prize—Alberton.
One Teacher School.
First prize—Lee.
Second prize—Antioch.

Primary Grades 1 to 3.
Poster, Crayola drawing; 1st, Clintonville; 2nd, Goodman.
Poster, Applied Movement, 1st, Cool Springs; 2nd, New Brocton.

Poster, Nature study, 1st, Bethany.
Poster, Illustrated Story, 1st, New Hope; 2nd, New Hope.
Poster, Health, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Basin.
Poster, Better English, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Simson.

Poster, Illustrated Poem, 1st, Basin; 2nd, Clintonville.
Poster, Paper cutting and tearing, 1st, Alberton; 2nd, Clintonville.

Booklet, Health, 1st, Rhoades No. 49; 2nd, Macedonia.
Booklet, Nature, 1st, New Hope; 2nd, Basin.
Booklet, English, 1st, Dyess; 2nd, Arwood.

Booklet, Number work, 1st, Clintonville; 2nd, Victoria.
Booklet, Drawing, 1st, Reeves; 2nd, New Brocton.
Booklet, Paper cutting and tearing, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Clintonville.

Booklet, Mother Goose scrap book, 1st, Pine Level; 2nd, Rhoades.
Christmas Tree decoration, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Bradshaw.

Composition Book; 1st, Farmington Academy.
Clothes Pins toys, 1st, Dan-

ley's X Roads; 2nd, Warren.
Booklet on kindness to animals, 1st, Union Academy; 2nd, Bethany.
Collections Card Board Construction, 1st, Curtis; 2nd, New Brocton.

Intermediate Grades, 4 to 6.
Poster, Crayola drawing, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Basin.
Poster, Illustrated Poem, 1st, Ham; 2nd, Clintonville.
Poster, Illustrated Story, 1st, Ham; 2nd, New Brocton.
Poster, Health, 1st, Clintonville; 2nd, Fairview.

Poster, Better English, 1st, Union Academy; 2nd, Alberton.
Poster, Geography (Boost your County) 1st, Sardis; 2nd, New Hope.
Poster, Maps; 1st, Rhodes; 2nd, Windham.

Poster, Thrift, 1st, Brooklyn; 2nd, Double Heads.
Poster, Coffee County School Publicity, 1st, Danascus.
Poster, Fire Prevention, 1st, Keyton; 2nd, Cool Springs.
Poster, Humane Treatment of animals, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Bethany.

Booklet, Health, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Cool Springs.
Booklet, English, 1st, Arwood; 2nd, New Brocton.
Booklet, Spelling, 1st, Clintonville; 2nd, Sardis.
Booklet, Geography, 1st, Union; 2nd, Sardis.

Booklet, Business letter, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Sardis.
Booklet, Letter, 1st, Reeves; 2nd, Clintonville.
Booklet, Arithmetic, 1st, Clintonville; 2nd, Pine Level.
Booklet, Civics, 1st, Chestnut grove.

Booklet, History, 1st, New Brocton; 2nd, Asbury.
Poster, Crayola drawing, 1st, Clintonville; 2nd, Pine Level.
Original Story, 1st, Eanon.
Articles used in home (mops, brooms, churn dasher and lid, but racks) 1st, Keyton; 2nd, Double Heads.

Articles used on farm (axe, hoe and hammer handles, or original idea) 1st, Union; 2nd, Ham.
Best project first six grades, 1st, Kinston; 2nd, Pine Level.
Junior High School.
Poster, Maps, 1st, Ham.
Poster, Illustrated story, 1st, Ham; 2nd, Basin.
Poster, Health, 1st, Rhoades; 2nd, Basin.
Poster, History, 1st, Kinston; 2nd, Goodman.
Poster, Products of Alabama, 1st, Alberton; 2nd, Reeves.
Poster, Business letter, 1st, Union Academy.
Poster, Home Decorations (interior) 1st, Reeves; 2nd, Lee.
Poster, Home Decorations (exterior) 1st, Goodman.
Poster, Book marks, 1st, Goodman.
Poster, Advertising Fair, 1st, Union Academy; 2nd, Ham.
Poster, Safety first, 1st, Union Academy; 2nd, Goodman.
Booklet, Friendly letters, 1st, Goodman.
Booklet, Picture Study, 1st, Goodman.
Booklet, Christmas, 1st, Beth any; 2nd, Sardis.
Booklet, Geography, 1st, Brooklyn; 2nd, Goodman.
Booklet, Story of Pilgrims, 1st, Ham; 2nd, Goodman.
Collections of wood toys, 1st, Reeves; 2nd, Eanon.
Collection of pasteboard toys 1st, Rhoades; 2nd, Cool Springs.
Best Project Junior High School, 1st, Pine Level.
Card Board waste basket 1st, (Continued on last page.)

THE ELBA CLIPPER

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 1925.

Coffee County Poor Houses

"The Poor You Have With You Always."

(By J. A. Carley)

(Continued from Dec. 3rd.)

These war times brought many new problems in caring for the County's indigent population. The first order of the Court on September 2, 1861, was to pay Isaac W. Fleming \$154.16 "for feeding and attendance to the paupers in the poor house." Now indigent and needy of the County could not be cared for in the poor house. Fathers, brothers and husbands had gone to the war. Destitution and want were stalking at the doors of many women and children throughout the county, and yeoman service must be had. A year the Court had passed an order levying an extra tax for the support of these families of the soldiers, and the fund had been placed in the hands of a committee appointed by the Commissioners to make proper appointment and distribution.

The entire business transacted at the September term, 1861, of the Commissioners' Court was that relating to this charitable and benevolent work the County had undertaken. The following order was adopted and signed by John M. Carmichael, A. H. Justice and B. Clark:

"It is ordered by the Court that it shall be the duty of the Central committee heretofore appointed by the court to take charge of the public funds be given to the indigent families of those who have gone away from this county, to see that the same be distributed according to their actual necessities,—to receive the reports of the local committees in each beat,—to take receipts from them for all monies paid them, or for aid furnished them from other sources,—to require a full report of the condition of each family as to number, age and ability to support themselves,—and to place the same before the Central committee of the County at its regular meetings.

It is further ordered that there shall be a committee of three appointed in each beat whose duty it shall be to visit all of said families in their respective beats to ascertain their condition as to age, number and ability to support themselves, and report the same to the Central committee of the County. The plan of supporting these families of soldiers is well devised. At this time Attorney W. D. Roberts was the county's attorney, and gave assistance to the Court of County Commissioners.

The arrangement of committees by beats with one Central Committee covered every section of the county as then organized. It may be of interest to note that Geneva was then in beat 1 in Coffee County, and Bullock was in Beat 14, Coffee County. These men named throughout the County on the Committees were the ancestors of many prominent families yet in Coffee, while many have left with us now no name's sake or descendants.

24th SUNSET FLOUR SELF RISING \$1.15.
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JUST RECEIVED—A car of feed oats and Timothy Hay; also have Fulghum and Red Rust Proof Seed oats; if you want feed of any kind or planting seed, see me at once.

W. B. Rainer, Elba Ala.
Miss Bertha Colquhitt, of Opp is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Duren Helms of Elba this week.

Miss Clarice Barnes of Troy was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Kendrick.

4 BIG 13 OZ SIZE HUDSON POTASH FOR 25c.
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Mr. and Mrs. Forest Tabot of Troy spent the week end in Elba, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Vaughn.

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MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.
Mr. W. F. Cooper returned Friday from Rochester, N. Y., where he went on business.

Pig and Poultry Exhibits Held Friday Finest Seen in South-East Alabama; Plans Being Made for Bigger Show Next Fall

Elba's second annual pig, hog and poultry fair held on last Thursday and Friday, was a big success from every standpoint, and while it was not as large in number of exhibits as some county fairs, those who saw the exhibits here of the pure bred hogs and chickens say that they were far beyond some other fairs.

In the hog department, of course the boys' pig club exhibits were the main attractions, while there were many exhibitors who were not in this class. In all there were 85 exhibits in the hog department. County Agent R. G. Arnold is highly pleased over the progress being made in the county toward pure bred hogs on every farm, and the splendid co-operation he is receiving from the boys as well as their parents and business men who are assisting in the movement.

The poultry department was in the capable hands of Miss Grace James, county Home Demonstration Agent, and the exhibits were a credit to any county. Miss James has only 20 been in the county a short time, but she succeeded in getting the poultry work started on a sound basis. There are already a number of the very best poultry flocks to be found anywhere, located in the county, and by another year we feel sure the poultry exhibits will be double what they were this year. In the poultry department their was a total of 82 exhibits.

The local business men who sponsored the movement by subscribing \$650.00 in cash for premiums are well pleased with the splendid showing. Plans are now being discussed for a bigger fair to be held next year at which time agricultural products will also be on exhibit. Following are the prize winners in the shows:

Junior Pig Club.
1st gilt—Houston McCollough.
2nd gilt—Tommy Donaldson.
3rd gilt—Glenn Pittman.
4th gilt—Fred Spears.
5th gilt—Dewey Bros.
6th gilt—Bean Bros.
Other pig club members showing in the gilt class and each receiving \$5.00 are as follows:

Louis Reynolds, Griffin Bros. Kelsoe Bros, Adams Bros, Rowe Bros, Donald Locklar, J. D. Stevens, Wallace Bros, Wilson Meek Jr, Wilson Meek Sr, Robert Speigner, Bean Bros, Charlie Harrell, Ralph Yohn, Dan Page, Ellis Bros, Charlie Hildreth, Eugene Brown and Dewey Wilks.

Senior Pig Club. Sow And Pigs.
1st—Paul Moates.
2nd—Romulus Ellis.
3rd—Dupree Martin.

Pig Club. Junior Boars.
1st—Carmichael Bros.
2nd—Romulus Ellis.
3rd—Dewey Wilks.

Adult Hog Department.
1st Boar—Tommy Donaldson.
2nd Boar—William Moates.
3rd Boar—Jesse Brown.
1st sow—Ralph Murdoch.
2nd sow—Shelly Wall.
3rd sow—Jesse Brown.

1st pair barrow—M. B. Fuller.
2nd pair barrow—Quinton Brown.

POULTRY.
Egg Roster. Old Pen.
1st—Garrett & Harris.
2nd—H. & M. F. Grimes.
3rd—Ray Moody.

1st old pair—H. & M. F. Grimes.
2nd old pair—J. D. Thomaston.
2nd best hen—Lem Ellis.

Young Pen.
1st—Leman Hughes.
2nd—Garrett & Harris.
3rd—P. B. Taylor.
Best young pair—J. D. Thomaston.
2nd best young pair—J. A. Vaughn.

Mr. Jeff Whitman and family of Chisholm, Fla., visited relatives in Elba Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. D. C. Banard was operated on for appendicitis at St. Mary's hospital in Montgomery last week. She is improving rapidly and her many friends will be glad to know that she will be able to come home in a few days.

Best pullet—J. D. Thomaston.
2nd—J. A. Vaughn.
2nd young pair—P. B. Taylor.
3rd young pair—J. D. Smith.
Best hen—Mrs. H. I. Boland.
3rd best hen—Mrs. J. D. Smith.
Best cock—Lem Ellis.

1st—Mrs. Fletcher Pierce.
2nd—Mrs. H. I. Boland.
3rd—Mrs. N. Morrow.
1st young pair—H. I. Boland.
2nd young pair—H. I. Boland.
3rd young pair—J. D. Smith.
3rd pullet—Mrs. W. J. White.
1st cockerel—M. N. Morrow.
2nd cockerel—S. D. Cain.
3rd cockerel—F. G. Wall.

Meat Breeds.
Best old pen—Garrett & Harris.
Best old pair—M. N. Morrow.
2nd old pair—H. B. Taylor.
1st young pen—M. N. Morrow.
2nd young pen—Mrs. J. A. Boutwell.
3rd young pen—Garrett & Harris.

Best pullet—H. B. Taylor.
Best pair—A. S. Kelsoe.
1st Gobbler—J. C. Holloway.

METHODIST W. M. S.—
The Woman's Missionary Society met at the Church for business session Monday afternoon.
The following officers were elected and committees appointed for the coming year.
Pres.—Mrs. Marley.
V. Pres.—Mrs. Bryant.
Secretary—Mrs. Beasley.
Treasurer—Mrs. Kersh.
Corresponding Secy.—Mrs. Lowrey.
Superintendent Missions—Mrs. Garrett.
Supt., Social Service—Mrs. Morrow.
Supt., Juniors—Mrs. Bob Cooper.
Supt., Supplies—Mrs. Sanderson.
Local treasurer—Mrs. Johnson.

6 SPOOLS J. & P. COATS THREAD 25c.
MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.
Mr. O. N. Kendrick and family of Westville, Fla., spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Elba.

Mrs. W. F. Cooper and Mrs. L. C. Cooper were visitors in Montgomery Friday.

4th GOOD GREEN COFFEE \$1.00.
MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.
Mr. J. W. Cosby and Miss Joy Cosby were visitors in Troy Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Powell of Troy were guests of Elba relatives Thursday.

REDUCTIONS ON LADIES READY-TO-WEAR.
MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.
Miss Eula Ellis of Opp is visiting Mrs. Ebb Willis of Elba this week.

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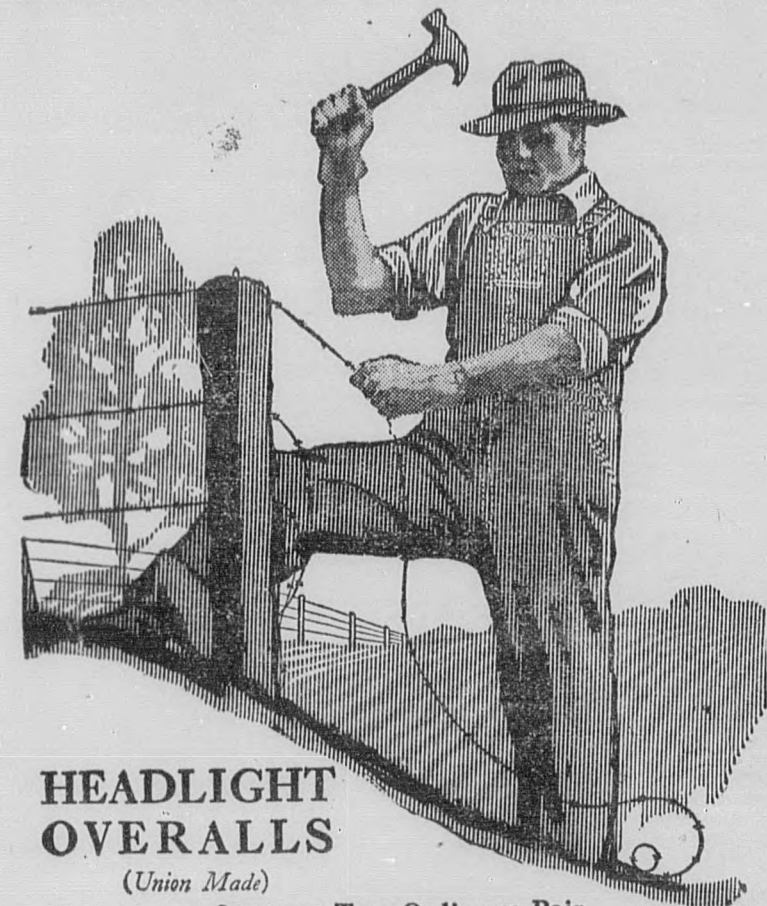
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CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the many friends who were so kind and thoughtful, during my recent bereavement, the death of my mother, Mrs. Susanna Mathews. I shall ever be grateful for the many kindnesses shown me. Mrs. Jane Parrish.

17th AMERICAN GRANULATED SUGAR, \$1.00. MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brock were called to Andalusia early Sunday morning on account of the serious illness of Dr. J. C. McLeod at a hospital there.



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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The regular examination for teachers will be held in Elba Monday, December 21st. All who are interested will be present promptly at 9:00 o'clock. The law requires that all applicants must be identified before writing the examination. J. E. HUDSON, County Superintendent.

HUNTING PANTS, BOOTS AND LEATHER LEGGINGS. MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.

Mr. George Ryan of Birmingham spent Saturday and Sunday in Elba.

CAR FOR ORPHAN'S HOME.

It will be on the tracks at Elba next Monday, the 21st. Note this change: The car will be loaded in transit at New Brockton on Tuesday, so articles should be at depot by Monday night, or early Tuesday. It is hoped the car may be completely filled—help us to do it!

For next Sunday there will be the regular services at the Baptist except at 7:00 p. m. there will be a community service rendered by the Musical Club. It will be worth your while, so COME. "Miss Geane" will present the needs of the poor of Coffee County. She will have a box at the door for any article of clothing or food one may wish to bring for the poor.

Apart from this, the Baptist Sunday School will make their offerings for the Troy Orphan's Home, articles contributed will go into the car on Monday. We want to make it a worth while offering. Let everybody help.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject—The Christmas Story. (3) Ruth Travecek, (4) Elinor Connor, (5) Walt Whitman, (6) Y. Venable, Donaldson, (7) Wm. Grissett, Reading—Jeff Carnley.

Let every member be present.

UNCLE SAM BLUE WORK SHIRTS 75c. MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.

NOTICE. I am running a laundry basket. Basket goes and comes each week. Leave your laundry at Kendrick & Wyrosdicks store for me. John Kendrick.

Mr. Ollie Spurlin of Andalusia visited friends in Elba Sunday.

Mrs. W. O. Vaughn and Mrs. C. P. Hayes visited Dr. J. C. McLeod at an Andalusia hospital Tuesday.

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METHODIST CHURCH.

Christmas Program for the morning service, 11:00 o'clock. "There's a Song in the air" Choir.

Prayer for proper observance of Christmas—E. F. Blocker.

Scripture Reading: Isa. 9:6; 7: Matt. 2:1-12; Luke 2:1-20. L. Mixson.

Song: "Joy to the world" Choir.

Address (10 minutes): "The Origin and Meaning of Christmas"—H. C. Johnson.

Address (15 minutes): "Bethlehem, the Source of Humanity's Hope"—an interpretation of the significance of the birth of Christ in its relation to the present world situation—W. W. Sanders.

Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' name" Choir.

Address (10 minutes): "The Other Wise Man"—D. C. Marley.

Address (10 minutes): "How May We Best Celebrate Christmas?"—L. C. Kerby.

Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Choir.

This program will be rendered at 11:00 a. m. instead of the regular sermon. It will also be given at Liberty at 3 p. m. by the same speakers and singers.

There will be a union sacred concert given by the music club at the Baptist church at 7 p. m.

BIG ASSORTMENT MENS AND YOUNG MENS SUITS TO GET YOUR NEW SUIT FROM. MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.

Messrs Linwood and Jake Harper of the U. S. Navy arrived in Elba Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harper.

7 CAKES EXPORT SOAP FOR 25c. MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.

Mrs. Lula Kendrick is visiting her son, Mr. C. N. Kendrick in Westville Fla. this week.

4 BIG 10c CAKES PALM OLIVE SOAP FOR 25c. MAYS-VAUGHN MERC. CO.

Messdames J. H. Amior, Sam Blue, Tom Tatum and Willie Mitchell went to Troy shopping Wednesday.

Poster of best planned breakfast, luncheon and dinner, 1st. Sardis; 2nd, Pine Grove.

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See Willis, Elba, Route 5.

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| 150 Bushels of Corn. | 1 Cow and Calf. |
| 2 Mules. | 1 Set Blacksmith tools. |
| 1 Mower and Rake. | And all my farming tools. |
| 1 Buggy and Harness. | |

Sale Starts at 10 O'clock

Oscar Donaldson

ELBA, ALABAMA Rt. 2.

PRIZE WINNERS IN SCHOOL EXHIBITS.

(Continued from first page)

Ham; 2nd, Alberton. Book rack, 1st, Ham.

Sandwich tray of pine straw, 1st, Davis.

Hot dish mat, 1st, Center. 2nd, Goodman.

Doll Furniture, 1st, Basin; 2nd, Eanon.

Table cover, 1st, Bradshaw; 2nd, Pine Level.

Kitchen towels, 1st, Pine Grove; 2nd, Mt. Zion.

Hankkerchiefs, 1st, Bethany; 2nd, Goodman.

Fancy Apron, 1st, Sardis; 2nd, Bradshaw.

Guest towels, 1st, Bethany; 2nd, Center.

Laundry bag, 1st, Sardis. Sofa Pillow Cover, 1st, Antioch; 2nd, Kinston.

Cook apron, 1st, Basin; 2nd, New Brockton.

Booklet, Model home, 1st, Pine Grove; 2nd, Curtis.

Booklet, Ideal Kitchen, 1st, Goodman.

Poster of best planned breakfast, luncheon and dinner, 1st. Sardis; 2nd, Pine Grove.

MANY LOCAL ITEMS LEFT OVER THIS WEEK.

A number of local news items are being carried over until next week—account of lack of space this issue. We have had an unusual run of advertising for the past week or two and of course we cannot leave out any paid matter.

Then another thing. Items intended for publication must reach us by Tuesday noon in order to insure publication. In many instances items and occasionally long articles are sent to us on Wednesday morning, and many times they must be carried over. Please get news items to us by Tuesday.

FOR SALE.

One 80 H. P. Boiler, 50 H. P. Engine, 94 Berlin Planer, all in fine running shape; also 3 yoke good oxen.

A. C. Brunson, Elba, Ala.

Messdames W. M. Tucker, Bertha Duke and J. W. Kendrick spent Tuesday in Troy.

FOR SALE—I have several tons of good bright peanut hay that I will sell at once.

See Willis, Elba, Route 5.

FOR Advertising That Pays Try The Elba Clipper

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Coffee County Poor Houses

(By J. A. Carnley)

(Continued from last week)

At the November 4th, 1861, Term of the Court of County Commissioners, Angus Vaughn was appointed a member of the Central Committee to take the place of J. P. Baldwin. It was made the duty of this Central Committee "to receive and pay out the funds collected by the Tax Collector for the aid of Soldiers' families."

At this term of Court Isaac W. Fleming was given the contract for the keeping of the poor house for the year of 1862 and he was allowed nine dollars per month per head for the paupers in said Poor House.

There being a vacancy in the office of Tax Collector, J. Register was elected Tax Collector by order of the Commissioners, he "receiving four votes, all the votes cast." The sheriff was paid for turkey for prisoners in jail.

Isaac W. Fleming is required by order of the Court to give bond, and this order is as follows:

"It is ordered by the Court that the Judge of Probate, or some other person whom he may appoint, be authorized and required within ten days from date to take and approve of a bond for one thousand dollars per month per head for the paupers in said Poor House, for the faithful performance of his duties as such keeper for the year 1862, and if he fails to give said bond in said time, then to appoint some suitable person to take charge of said poor house for said year 1862 and take bond accordingly."

The next term of the Court of County Commissioners convened on January 6, 1862. These worthy commissioners had been paid for the services rendered in 1861, as follows: John M. Carmichael, \$69.30; James N. McDuffie, \$69.30; A. H. Justice, \$48.60; and Burwell Clark, \$55.80. Judge P. D. Costello was paid \$57.00.

There were no high salaries for public servants in those days in Coffee. At this time, in 1862, Alfred McGee was paid a total of \$300 for his services as County Superintendent of Education from the 1st Monday in May 1860 to the 1st Monday in May, 1861.

The State of Alabama had passed a law regarding the support of indigent families of volunteers absent in the war, and the Commissioners Court on January 7, 1862, made and entered the following order to carry into effect in Coffee County this law:

"It is ordered by the Court that the following named persons be and they are hereby appointed to act as agents in their respective precincts in pursuance of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Alabama."

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OUT EARLY AGAIN THIS WEEK FOR XMAS.

The Clipper is being gotten out one day early again this week on account of the Xmas holidays. It is our purpose to rest a day or so the last of the week, if too much work does not come in.

We had a long Xmas greeting article in our system for this issue, but so many other things came along we did not have time nor space to write it. So we'll just compromise on that old, yet ever new, wish—A merry, happy Christmas to one and all, and may Old Santa fill your stockings.

Miss Alice Boyd, teacher in Alabama College at Monteval, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with her mother.

Mr. Fred Kendrick, student at Newton College is at home for the holidays.



The Spirit of Christmas

by Katherine Edelman

I AM THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS! Today I rule over the world as no king or queen ever ruled. I hold gifts in my arms that no ruler ever held and I scatter them with a lavish hand. I am loved by my subjects with a love that has no hint of fear, for they feel that I am working for their happiness.

WITH my magic hand I heal the hurts in many hearts. I pluck out by the roots the resentments and rancors that make men unhappy. I bring peace and understanding to hearts that know it not. Along my way I scatter seeds of faith, of hope, of love, that will spring up and bear fruit after the last echo of my footsteps shall be heard. I leave behind me beautiful memories to enrich and gladden, unnumbered dreams to make men more happy.

WITH my touch I create new friendships—I strengthen those that are already formed and make more dear and more precious the ties of home and kindred. To the little children I bring joy beyond telling, happiness beautiful to behold; to their elders I bring again the faith they knew in childhood. I am the instigator of thousands of loving messages that go from friend to friend, from kin to kin. I have breathed something of myself into each and every one of the gaily tied packages that are coming to every home.

THE mantle that I wear is broad and encircling enough to cover the whole world, to give to every heart a shelter and protection from fears and doubts, from hates and mistrusts, from all the things that keep men and women from their heritage of happiness. Within its folds I welcome every class and creed, every race and color—for all of them I have comfort and warmth.

I AM the Spirit of Christmas—broad, tolerant, loving! Everywhere today my presence is felt—my power is unlimited, my word supreme! I rule the world from land to land and from shore to shore. I am welcome in every home and at every hearth—the most loved and most welcome monarch the world has ever known.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Prof. J. E. Garrett will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday and Sunday night. Come and hear him. He will also preach at Curtis Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rowe announce the birth of Sam Carroll Rowe on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Mr. Fred Kendrick, student at Newton College is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. D. C. Barnard has recovered from her recent operation and has returned home to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Willie Coston of Montgomery is the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Mercer Rowe and Miss Henrietta Coston.

WANT TO RENT—If you have a house to rent now or any time soon see me at once. Emmet Harper at Sanitary market.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hartley and children, of New Orleans, La., are spending the holidays with Mr. B. W. Page and family.

Misses Mary Olive and Sarah Albert Carnley, students of Howard College are spending the holidays with their parents Judge and Mrs. J. A. Carnley.

LOST—Monday, on road between Elba and Danley's X roads, 30-31½ Firestone Tire on New Rim. Liberal reward for return to Clipper office.

Misses Madge Page and Marie Ham, students at Alabama College, are spending the holidays at home with relatives.

LOST—One 29x4.40 Goodyear Balloon Tire and Rim. Finder will receive reward if returned to W. M. Reddock.

Mr. E. P. Doanman left last Friday for Lake Worth, Fla., where he will spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Mothershead.

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HAPPINESS

(By Jean Langston)
Child Welfare Department, Coffee County.

If words could ever express the innermost depth of the human soul we might find a sufficient amount to tell just how happy one can be made in the accomplishment of something worthwhile; but since such was never possible and never will be, I am happy to state that at just this time my heart goes out in gratitude to the many wonderful responses I have met with in my appeal for the unfortunate in this County at this another Christmas time.

"Happiness" alone is found in "Service" and truly the people of Elba will be made happy to a greater degree than perhaps ever before in the way they have come forward and done that which the Master asked us to do. "In as much as we did it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

I am blissfully happy in the knowledge that the kindness of so many this year I will be in a position to carry a message of good cheer to those less fortunate. I will be made doubly happy in my work to know that back of me stands a people who are interested in what we are all trying to do toward alleviating the suffering and hardship of others.

There is no doubt in my mind but what to many this will be the best of Christmas they have ever had. The love for others has seemed to predominate on every hand and I am very happy that it has been my privilege to assist in this wonderful work to make them permanently happy, but most of all I wish for them to be endowed with the desire to ever serve their fellow man better as the days go by. For the coming New Year I wish each and every one the greatest of all blessings—good health—and all the love, happiness and prosperity that is best for each to have. Again let me thank every one for their splendid and helpful cooperation which has been extended to me during my stay in Coffee County and most of all for the wonderful way in which they have helped me to carry out the real Christmas spirit at this time.

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road. Where the races of Men go by: The men who are good, the men who are bad. As good and as bad as I. I would not sit in the corner's seat. Nor hurl the evils ban: Let me live in a house by the side of the road. And be a friend to man."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS GIVEN BY MUSIC CLUB SUNDAY NIGHT.

A beautiful Christmas program was given under the auspices of the Elba Music Club at the Baptist Church Sunday evening. There were no other services in the town and the various denominations met together to enjoy this program.

The program was composed of musical numbers and readings, given by some of Elba's most talented men and women. At the conclusion of the program a collection was taken by Coffee county's efficient Child Welfare Director, Miss Jean Langston, for the benefit of the poor.

The people responded liberally and it is believed that the county will be made happier at Christmas time through the efforts of Miss Langston.